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AB 1478 Match Procedural Guide For State Park Units Not On the Closure List



State of California Department of Parks and Recreation

Department Mission

The mission of California State Parks is to provide for the health, inspiration, and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.

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AB 1478 Matching Fund Introduction

CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS (herein referred to as the DEPARTMENT) is working hard to keep parks open for our communities and millions of visitors. Although the DEPARTMENT has experienced numerous challenges in recent months, DEPARTMENT employees are proud of and driven by the DEPARTMENT'S mission and are committed to serve the public in new ways.

While the DEPARTMENT continues to improve its processes and management structure to enhance accountability and build trust, the DEPARTMENT continues to face funding challenges. In the past, 90 percent of the DEPARTMENT'S budget came from the State's General Fund. Today, less than 30 percent of the DEPARTMENT'S budget is derived from the State's General Fund. This challenge is further complicated by a significant and growing DEFERRED MAINTENANCE backlog that threatens the environmental, historical and cultural preservation and safety of our PARKS.

Given the history of budget reductions and a substantial and growing DEFERRED MAINTENANCE backlog, the DEPARTMENT is creating long-term strategies to become as self-sustainable as possible while maintaining the integrity of its mission. Support from donors and partners is critical to keeping parks open, while protecting California's world renowned natural and cultural legacy for the benefit of future generations.

On September 25, 2012, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed Assembly Bill 1478 (AB 1478), which appropriated \$20.5 million of unreported funds in the State Parks and Recreation Fund (SPRF) to help prevent park closures in the 2012-13 and 2013-14 fiscal years. AB 1478 funds are <u>one-time funds</u> intended to bridge the gap between the contributions of donors and partners and the amount of services necessary to keep the parks operating through the next two fiscal years. However, even with the AB 1478 funds, the DEPARTMENT needs the continued support of its partners to meet the fiscal challenges and help develop a new financial model to ensure the future financial security of the CALIFORNIA STATE PARK system.

Through AB 1478, Public Resources Code §541.5(b)(1) was added to specify that \$10 million of the \$20.5 million appropriated to the DEPARTMENT from the SPRF will be available to MATCH [1] contributed funds^[2], dollar-for-dollar. This appropriation creates an enhanced opportunity to MATCH the FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS to strengthen the PARK. The DEPARTMENT will do all that it can to make the most of the available funding, and continued support from DONORS and OPERATING PARTNERS will help make this happen. The DEPARTMENT is committed to exploring all opportunities for possible FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION and MATCH – whether with non-profits, local governments, private individuals or combinations thereof – to keep PARKS open for the maximum possible public benefit available funds will allow.

PARKS that were identified on the CLOSURE LIST have been given priority for this funding. This Procedural Guide includes additional guidelines for PARKS not appearing on the CLOSURE LIST to qualify for AB 1478 MATCH funding.

^[1] MATCH is allocated by the DEPARTMENT to the specific park as an equivalency of a DONOR'S or OPERATING PARTNER'S FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION. MATCH is not money given to a DONOR or OPERATING PARTNER.

^[2] FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION DELIVERY is provided by a DONOR or OPERATING PARTNER before the DEPARTMENT may allocate the MATCH.

Procedural Guide Overview

There are two possible types of AGREEMENTS for the purpose of MATCH:

- 1. **DONOR AGREEMENTS:** Any PARK in the STATE PARK system may be considered for a MATCH of FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS made through a DONOR AGREEMENT. If specified in the signed DONOR AGREEMENT, the FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION may be spent on PARK improvements unrelated to keeping the park open. However, the DEPARTMENT 'S MATCH can only be spent on a FUNCTION or DEFERRED MAINTENANCE expenditure necessary to keep the same PARK open.
 - This Procedural Guide explains the eligibility process of FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS and MATCH through DONOR AGREEMENTS for PARKS not identified on the CLOSURE LIST.
 - This Procedural Guide is a working document subject to revisions.
- 2. **OPERATING AGREEMENTS**: Only PARKS on the CLOSURE LIST are eligible for MATCH through OPERATING AGREEMENTS.
 - The "AB 1478 Match Procedural Guide for Operating Agreements" is available at www.parks.ca.gov.

This Procedural Guide is intended to:

- Assist DONORS in understanding how the DEPARTMENT can MATCH their FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS
 through new or amended DONOR AGREEMENTS for PARKS not on the CLOSURE LIST.
- Describe the DEPARTMENT's process and methodology used to implement the legislative mandates and direction provided in AB 1478. The facts and circumstances of each FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION COMMITMENT and FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION DELIVERY will be considered to determine if and when the DEPARTMENT may allocate the MATCH.

Please direct any questions regarding AB 1478 MATCH to Brian Cahill, Assistant Deputy Director - Park Operations, at brian.cahill@parks.ca.gov. Important updates about the status of each PARK and AB 1478 MATCH can be found at www.parks.ca.gov.

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Match Eligibility Process

This section explains the process to MATCH a DONOR'S FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION for those DONORS who do not have an executed AB 1478 DONATION AGREEMENT with the DEPARTMENT.

MATCH eligibility rules are included under each relevant step to determine when the DEPARTMENT can ultimately allocate MATCH for a specific purpose at a specific PARK.

The process involves these seven steps to determine if and when the MATCH can be allocated.

 Read this Guide: The interested DONOR reads this guide and then contacts the District Superintendent overseeing the PARK to discuss the desired terms and conditions of the PARTNERSHIP FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND MATCHING FUND AGREEMENT including FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION and MATCH.

2. Outline the Proposed Partnership Financial Contribution and Matching fund Agreement:

- The DONOR and the District Superintendent draft a "Financial Contribution Commitment Form" and "Match Pending Form" found in this guide and discusses the potential match with Brian Cahill at brian.cahill@parks.ca.gov. These forms will become exhibits to the PARTNERSHIP FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND MATCHING FUND AGREEMENT.
 - I. Negotiations between the DONOR and the DEPARTMENT regarding the terms of the PARTNERSHIP FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND MATCHING FUND AGREEMENT may include which FUNCTIONS OR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE will be funded by FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OR MATCH.
 - II. If specified in the PARTNERSHIP FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND MATCHING FUND AGREEMENT, the MATCH and FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION may be spent on <u>different</u> FUNCTIONS or DEFERRED MAINTENANCE needs at the same PARK.
 - III. If specified in the PARTNERSHIP FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND MATCHING FUND AGREEMENT, the FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION may be spent on PARK improvements unrelated to keeping the PARK open. However, the DEPARTMENT'S MATCH must be spent on FUNCTIONS or DEFERRED MAINTENANCE needs at the same PARK necessary to keep the PARK open.
 - IV. The value of volunteer labor will not be eligible for matching under this program.
- DONOR shall submit a written narrative (maximum 3 to 4 pages) that includes:
 - Amount and timing of FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS
 - Amount of MATCH requested
 - Scope of Work of FUNCTIONS or DEFERRED MAINTENANCE (include sketch or diagram, if appropriate)
 - How FUNCTIONS or DEFERRED MAINTENANCE will be accomplished (including Permit and other requirements and timeline)
 - A Draft "Financial Contribution Commitment Form" and "Match Pending Form" found in this guide.

- Clearly articulate how the FUNCTIONS or DEFERRED MAINTENANCE mitigates *risk of PARK closure*
- Include a signature of concurrence from the District Superintendent that DEPARTMENT staff is available to deliver the FUNCTIONS or DEFERRED MAINTENANCE (using DEPARTMENT staff or by contract). Do not include other letters of support.
- 3. Submit Proposal: Proposals shall be forwarded by the District Superintendent to Brian Cahill at brian.cahill@parks.ca.gov for review and determination. Proposals for PARKS not on the CLOSURE LIST will be accepted between August 15, 2013 and September 15, 2013. To have your proposal considered in this first round it must be received by Brian Cahill at brian.cahill@parks.ca.gov by September 15, 2013. Proposals received after this date may be considered as long as funds remain from the original \$10M allocation.
- 4. Proposal Review and Determination of Award of Partnership Financial Contribution and MATCHING FUND AGREEMENT: A Match Review Team will review each proposal received and determine which proposals will be awarded a Partnership Financial Contribution and MATCHING FUND AGREEMENT. The DEPARTMENT shall use the following criteria to make its determinations:
 - How strong is the connection between the proposed FUNCTIONS or DEFERRED
 MAINTENANCE and keeping the PARK open? (proposed FUNCTIONS or DEFERRED
 MAINTENANCE that do not meet this criterion are not eligible)
 - Is it feasible to accomplish the proposed FUNCTIONS or DEFERRED MAINTENANCE in the time the MATCH funds are available? (MATCH funds must be spent by June 30, 2014.)
 - The Match Review Team will award a PARTNERSHIP FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND MATCHING FUND AGREEMENT to those proposals that best meet the above-stated criteria as availability of MATCH funds allow.
 - The determination of the Match Review Team shall be final.
- 5. Finalize the Partnership financial contribution and matching fund agreement:

 Department staff will work with successful proposers to draft and finalize the Partnership financial contribution and matching fund agreement. To receive match, the Partnership financial contribution and matching fund agreement must be signed by the donor and department before June 30, 2014. This includes signing the "Financial Contribution Commitment Form" and "Match Pending Form", which are exhibits to the Partnership financial contribution and matching fund agreement. The department must allocate and spend match no later than June 30, 2014. Thus, in order to allow sufficient time for the department to allocate and spend match, the Partnership financial contribution and matching fund agreement or the amendment to the donor agreement shall be signed by the donor and the department on or before January 1, 2014 and the financial contributions shall be delivered to the department on or Before January 1, 2014. If the department does not have sufficient time to allocate and spend match the department may deny the match request.
 - I. A PARTNERSHIP FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND MATCHING FUND AGREEMENT for a donation greater than \$100,000 requires State of California, Department of Finance review and approval.

- II. PARKS on the CLOSURE LIST shall be given priority for MATCH of FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS. However, funds received pursuant to a DONOR AGREEMENT for a PARK not on the CLOSURE LIST are also eligible for MATCH.
- III. Between all statewide OPERATING AGREEMENTS and DONOR AGREEMENTS, the DEPARTMENT'S authority to allocate MATCH is limited to \$10 million. The FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION DELIVERY must occur before June 30, 2014 so the DEPARTMENT can allocate the MATCH. The DEPARTMENT cannot allocate MATCH after receiving \$10 million of FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS pursuant to all statewide Partnership Financial Contributions and MATCHING FUNDS AGREEMENTS AND OPERATING AND MATCHING FUNDS AGREEMENTS, or after June 30, 2014, whichever is earlier.

The DEPARTMENT will allocate MATCH in the following order: (1) PARKS on the CLOSURE LIST in the same order of FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION DELIVERY; (2) PARKS not on the CLOSURE LIST in the same order of FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION DELIVERY.

- 6. The donor provides the Financial Contribution delivery. On a quarterly basis, the donor shall provide the District a completed "Financial Contribution Delivery Form" to report the achieved Financial Contribution delivery by the donor so that the department may allocate MATCH. Upon acceptance by the department of the contents of the "Financial Contribution Delivery Form" the department shall sign the form. A SAMPLE OF THE "FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION DELIVERY FORM" IS found in this guide.
 - DEPARTMENT allocates MATCH. Based on the DONOR'S FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION DELIVERY, the DEPARTMENT allocates MATCH, which the DEPARTMENT identifies on the "MATCH ALLOCATION FORM". The "Match Allocation Form" is signed by the DEPARTMENT and DONOR. A sample of the "Match Allocation Form" is found in this guide. As stated above, the DEPARTMENT will allocate the entire \$10 million MATCH in the following order: (1) PARKS on the CLOSURE LIST in the same order of FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION DELIVERY; (2) PARKS not on the CLOSURE LIST in the same order of FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION DELIVERY.
 - For Partnership Financial Contributions and Matching fund agreements effective any time between July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 whereby the Financial Contribution Delivery occurs before June 30, 2013, the DEPARTMENT may allocate the MATCH for the 2013/14 fiscal year.
 - For Partnership Financial Contribution and Matching Fund agreements effective any time between July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014 (both fiscal years), the DEPARTMENT may allocate the MATCH of FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS for one or both fiscal years
 - If the entire \$10 million MATCH has already been allocated at the time when the DONOR provides a FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION DELIVERY:
 - The DEPARTMENT will not immediately deposit the payment.
 - The DEPARTMENT will notify the DONOR that \$10 million of statewide FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION DELIVERY has been received, and therefore the entire \$10 million MATCH appropriated to the DEPARTMENT has already been allocated.

- The DEPARTMENT will obtain approval to deposit the payment or work with the DONOR to amend the PARTNERSHIP FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND MATCHING FUND AGREEMENT because the \$10 million MATCH is no longer available.
- 7. The allocated MATCH funds must be spent by the DEPARTMENT no later than June 30, 2014. The District will monitor the contributions and expenditures outlined in the agreement to insure terms and conditions are achieved.

Donor's Financial Contribution Commitment Form

This form is used for the purpose of establishing the terms of the PARTNERSHIP FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND MATCHING FUND AGREEMENT (or amendment to the DONOR AGREEMENT) regarding the DONOR'S FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION COMMITMENT. It identifies the contributions DONOR intends to deliver and the timeframe of such deliveries. This will be an exhibit to the PARTNERSHIP FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND MATCHING FUND AGREEMENT or amendment to the DONOR AGREEMENT.

Purpose: Description of the Donor's FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION and use.	Schedule of month/year of FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION DELIVERY	Amount of the FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		Grand Total:
		\$

Name of PARK subject	to this partnership financial contribution	AND MATCHING FUND AGREEMENT:
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DONOR'S Authorized R	epresentative (Name and Title):	
Signature	Date	

Date _____

DEPARTMENT'S Authorized Representative (Name and Title):

Signature _____

Department's Match Pending Form

This form is used for the purpose of establishing the terms of the PARTNERSHIP FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND MATCHING FUND AGREEMENT (or amendment to the DONOR AGREEMENT) regarding the DEPARTMENT'S allocation of MATCH. It identifies the MATCH the DEPARTMENT will provide upon the DONOR delivering the items identified on the "Donor's Financial Contribution Commitment Form". This will be an exhibit to the PARTNERSHIP FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND MATCHING FUND AGREEMENT or amendment to the DONOR AGREEMENT.

Purpose: Description of the FUNCTIONS or DEFERRED MAINTENANCE that the DEPARTMENT will fund through the MATCH.	MATCH Amount	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	Grand Total:	
	\$	
I certify that the DEPARTMENT and DONOR understand and all of the following: The DEPARTMENT'S MATCH authority is FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION DELIVERIES. All FINANCIAL CONTRIB 2014 because the DEPARTMENT must allocate MATCH before DEPARTMENT will allocate MATCH in the same order that FI priority given to PARKS on the CLOSURE LIST. The DEPARTMENT \$10 million of FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS pursuant to all stand MATCHING FUND AGREEMENTS OF OPERATING AND MATCH 2014, whichever is earlier. The allocated MATCH funds metabolic properties of the p	In limited to \$10 million for a BUTION DELIVERIES must occore June 30, 2014. Therefore June 30, 2014. Therefore June 30, 2014. Therefore June 30, 2014. Therefore June 30 million of the Second	Il statewide cur before June 30 re, the received, with after receiving CIAL CONTRIBUTION after June 30,
Signature Date		
DEPARTMENT'S Authorized Representative (Name and	Title):	
Signature Date _		

Donor's Financial Contribution Delivery Form

This form is used for the purpose of reporting the achieved FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION DELIVERY to enable the DEPARTMENT to allocate MATCH. FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION DELIVERY reported to the DEPARTMENT should be grouped on a QUARTERLY basis when possible.

Purpose: Description of the achieved FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION DELIVERY BY DONOR.	Month/year of FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION DELIVERY	Amount of the FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
	QUARTERLY total through this report:	\$	
	QUARTERLY total through previous reports:	\$	
	Grand total to date:	\$	
Name of PARK subject to this PARTNERSHIP FINA	ANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND I	MATCHING FUND AGREE	EMENT:
I certify that the DONOR provided the FINANCIAL CO		ed on this form.	
Signature Date			
DEPARTMENT'S Authorized Representative (Na	me and Title):		

Signature _____

Department's Match Allocation Form

This form is used to identify the DEPARTMENT'S MATCH allocation based on the actual FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION DELIVERY listed on the "Donor's Financial Contribution Delivery Form".

Purpose: Description of the FUNCTIONS or DEFERRED MAINTENANCE that the DEPARTMENT will fund through the MATCH.	MATCH Amount	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
Total MATCH through this allocation:	\$	
Previous MATCH amount allocated to this PARK:	\$	
Grand Total of MATCH allocated to this PARK to date:	\$	
Name of PARK subject to this PARTNERSHIP FINANCIAL CONTRIBU	TION AND MATCHING FU	JND AGREEMEN
I certify that the DEPARTMENT and DONOR understand and agree we match authority is limited to \$10 million for all statewide Financial Donor's Financial Contribution Delivery Form shows the Financial before June 30, 2014. The DEPARTMENT is allocating match for this form due to the requirement that the DEPARTMENT must allocate the DEPARTMENT will allocate match in the same order that financial priority given to Parks on the Closure List, and there is still a supursuant to all statewide Partnership Financial Contribution and Operating and matching fund agreements. These allocated matched the DEPARTMENT before June 30, 2014.	L CONTRIBUTION DELIVED AL CONTRIBUTION DELIVED ALCONTRIBUTION DELIVED AMERICAN DELIVED ACCUPATE DELIVED ACCU	YERIES. The VERY occurred ose shown on he 30, 2014, are received, wer the \$10 million REEMENTS or
DONOR'S Authorized Representative (Name and Title):		
Signature Date		
DEPARTMENT'S Authorized Representative (Name and Title):		

Signature _____

Definitions

Words and terms used in SMALL CAPS are defined below.

CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS - See DEPARTMENT.

CLOSURE LIST – the 70 PARKS identified by the DEPARTMENT on May 13, 2011 as being in jeopardy of closure based on the \$22 million reduction to State Parks' budget for the 2011/12 and 2012/13 fiscal years. The May 13, 2011 closure list is available at www.parks.ca.gov

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE – the substantial backlog of repair costs necessary to protect the environmental, historical, and cultural integrity and safety of the public's STATE PARKS. Some PARKS have significant deferred maintenance needs that may require part or all of a PARK to be closed, if not repaired. In such cases, pursuant to an AGREEMENT, the DEPARTMENT'S MATCH may be spent on addressing deferred maintenance needs.

DEPARTMENT, STATE PARKS, also CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS – the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, including all of its subdivisions.

DISTRICT— a geographic subdivision of the state containing units of the State Park System.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT — the person designated by the DEPARTMENT as having responsibility for the DISTRICT, or their delegate.

DONOR — any individual, public agency, non-profit organization, corporation or other entity that makes a FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION to the DEPARTMENT.

DONOR AGREEMENT — a FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION COMMITMENT made between the DEPARTMENT and a DONOR whereby the DONOR donates funds to the DEPARTMENT.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION — when the DEPARTMENT receives funds from a DONOR pursuant to an AGREEMENT. See FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION DELIVERY.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION COMMITMENT — when a DONOR <u>signs a PARTNERSHIP FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION</u>
AND MATCHING FUND AGREEMENT with the DEPARTMENT to make a future payment to the DEPARTMENT for a MATCH.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION DELIVERY — when the DEPARTMENT receives funds between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2014 from a DONOR pursuant to a PARTNERSHIP FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND MATCHING FUND AGREEMENT. The receipt of funds fulfills the FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION COMMITMENT, which then enables the DEPARTMENT to MATCH the received funds.

FUNCTIONS – tasks identified by the DEPARTMENT as essential to the OPERATING of PARKS, which include but are not limited to:

- 1. Administration and Management
- 2. Cultural and Natural Resources Management

- 3. Interpretation and Education
- 4. Maintenance and Facilities Management
- 5. Public Safety and Law Enforcement
- 6. Recreation
- 7. Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Compliance
- 8. Public Works and Capital Development
- 9. Real Property
- 10. Marketing and Revenue Generation

MATCH — dollar-for-dollar equivalency of funds received by the DEPARTMENT from a DONOR pursuant to a PARTNERSHIP FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND MATCHING FUND AGREEMENT.

- MATCH is FUNCTIONS and/or DEFERRED MAINTENANCE allocated by the DEPARTMENT to the specific PARK.
- MATCH is not money given to DONORS.
- The FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION DELIVERY from DONORS enables the DEPARTMENT to MATCH those received funds for FUNCTIONS or DEFERRED MAINTENANCE needs at the same PARK.
- <u>If specified in the AGREEMENT</u>, the MATCH and FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION can be spent on <u>different</u> FUNCTIONS or DEFERRED MAINTENANCE needs at the same PARK.

OPERATING AGREEMENT – an agreement in writing between the DEPARTMENT and a public agency or qualified non-profit organization specifying that the OPERATING partner will perform one or more FUNCTIONS at a particular PARK. See the "AB 1478 Match Procedural Guide for Operating Agreements" for more information.

OPERATING AND MATCHING FUND AGREEMENT — an agreement in writing between the DEPARTMENT and a public agency or qualified non-profit organization specifying that the OPERATING partner will perform one or more FUNCTIONS at a particular PARK and provide FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS for which the DEPARTMENT shall provide MATCH. See the "AB 1478 Match Procedural Guide for Operating Agreements" for more information.

OPERATING PARTNER —a public agency or qualified non-profit organization that has an OPERATING AGREEMENT with the DEPARTMENT.

PARK, STATE PARK – any unit of the DEPARTMENT's State Park System, regardless of actual classification.

PARTNERSHIP FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND MATCHING FUND AGREEMENT — a FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION COMMITMENT made between the DEPARTMENT and a DONOR whereby the DEPARTMENT will MATCH funds once they are received from the DONOR.

RULES – all laws, regulations, DEPARTMENT policies, and guidelines established by any planning documents that govern activities in STATE PARKS.